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SUBJECT: MFA READOUT ON IRAQI FM ZEBARI VISIT

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Classified By: MINISTER-COUNSELOR DONALD A. BLOME REASONS: 1.4 (B) and (D)

- 1.(C) Summary: The Iraqis and Egyptians signed a strategic dialogue agreement during the July 10-11 visit of Iraqi FM Zebari to Cairo. The two
- 2.(C) MFA Deputy Assistant Minister for Arab Affairs Ayman Zeineldeen told poloff July 13 that Egyptian FM Aboul Gheit and Zebari had signed a
- 3.(C) Zeineldeen said President Talibani had broached the idea for such an agreement during Aboul Gheit's October 2008 visit to Iraq. President
- 4.(C) Zeineldeen reported that after months of delays, the Iraqis had "suddenly sprung to life" and proposed an acceptable arrangement for the
- 5.(C) Zeineldeen said Egyptian Ambassador-designate Sherif Shaheen will not arrive in Baghdad before September. However, mission staff (includi